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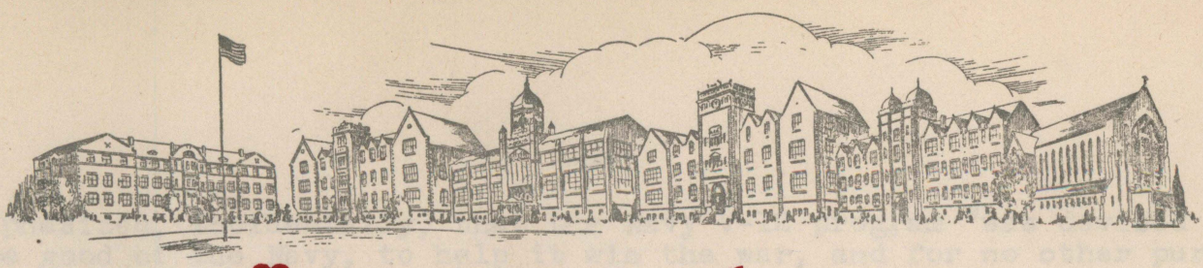

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Hello to all of you:

We don't feel that any apology is necessary this time, even though we have to give you news that is both good and bad. As a matter of fact, we feel quite chipper about what the football team is doing now that it has found itself--we don't know how we'll feel tomorrow after that game with the Naval Air Station team from Atlantic City.

In the first place, as some of you already know, we lost to Villanova 7 to 0. There are some of you who can remember scores with the same opponent that were a lot different, and we don't mean in favor of Muhlenberg, either. The only touchdown scored on the rain-soaked field in Philadelphia came after Bob Forrest took a 19-yard pass from Dick Hoot and then ran 21 yards for the score. The touchdown run was nearly--but not quite--stopped by Captain Jimmy Devlin who collared Forrest on the 15-yard line but couldn't hold him.

The second place is more interesting because that's the story of the year's second victory over F. and M. by an 18 to 6 score. Both teams were weakened by losses occasioned by Navy and Marine transfers at the end of the term. Muhlenberg had the heaviest loss with the absence of its Marines, including Captain Devlin. But it was Muhlenberg that showed new strength in its new line-up and crashed through to win after F. and M. had scored the first touchdown. As in the first game with F. and M., fumbles accounted for most of the scores.

The Atlantic City Naval Air Station team that comes to Muhlenberg tomorrow is undefeated so don't look for too much, but do bear in mind that the unexpected frequently has happened and can happen at any time. Next Saturday we play Princeton at Princeton to finish the season.

Our luck in soccer hasn't been too good and the last two games had to be recorded on the red side of the ledger. We lost to Temple 2 to 0 and to Penn State at Penn State by the same score. This week we play the Navy at Annapolis. But soccer seems to be a sport that will be on the Muhlenberg schedule for keeps and perhaps as we get a little more practice we'll turn up with some better scores. Morgan Schafer, telegraph editor of the Morning Call, is doing yeoman service coaching the team.

Well we're over another commencement. Last Sunday we graduated a class of 14 students who completed all of their academic work and turned over a group of 76 Marines and 84 Bluejackets to the Navy for new steps in their training as officer candidates. Commencements will never be commonplace at Muhlenberg, even though we now are holding them three times a year. This class included six men already in uniform: Jim Crampsey, who is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station; Pfc. William J. Beard, a medical student at Cornell; Ensign Frederick A. Heuer, Jr., stationed at Newport, R.I.; Ensign Wayne R. Keck at Little Creek, Va.; Midshipman Albert L. Wagner, at Hahnemann Medical School; and Pfc. Donald R. Watkins, at Jefferson Medical College. All of them received credit for work they successfully completed in military training program since leaving Muhlenberg.

Your college got quite a pat on the back from Captain Arthur S. Adams, director of the Administration Division of the Navy's Training Activity and the commencement speaker, when he said that "the cooperation that has existed between the Navy and Muhlenberg typifies to the highest degree the marvelous achievement that is possible when mutual understanding and complete mutual support are brought to bear." He

TO ITS FIGHTING MEN AROUND THE WORLD

emphasized, incidentally, that the Navy V-12 program "was devised for the good of the Navy, to help it win the war, and for no other purpose."

The new term got under way today. Sorry we can't give you enrollment figures. This much is certain; we have a smaller student body than we have had. In the first place, we have just about 275 Bluejackets and no Marines. In the second place, the civilian student body won't be much over 125 or 130. But you can count on it that Muhlenberg will be in there pitching, doing the same good job it has always done and doing it without the shortcuts. As I've said to many of you personally, Muhlenberg is anxious to do the same kind of a good job you fellows are doing so that you will continue to be as proud of your College as Muhlenberg is proud of you.

Incidentally, you can be looking for Muhlenberg men in uniform at Navy and Marine training bases. The class that left here Sunday went to Midshipmen's Schools at Northwestern University in Chicago, Notre Dame, Plattsburg, and Fort Schuyler; to the Pre-Midshipmen's School at Asbury Park, to the Pre-flight school at the University of Georgia, to the Marine unit at Colgate, to the University of Pennsylvania, to Chapel Hill, to Camp Lejeune, and to Parris Island. Captain Scelsi, Sergeant Walker, Sergeant Luke, etc., all left today for new assignments at Lejeune.

Ensign Dick Holben, just back from duty in England, dropped in this afternoon. The former football captain had some experiences with buzz bombs in England and says he really saw what war means to Englishmen. Talking about visitors, we saw Captain Charles Ohl '41, now stationed at Orlando, Fla., and Lieutenant (j.g.) Frederick Gehr '32, who is enroute to a new station after serving for more than a year in Boston.

Your Alumni Secretary, Lieutenant (j.g.) John Henry Wagner is out seeing the country once again. His new address is A.T.B. Hotel Burston, Fort Pierce, Fla. Yes, he's still in the educational racket. Any of you who may be down around Florida can look him up. Too bad Kaye Hartman has been transferred to Washington.

It's time to get down to the mail again and pass on a few of the gleanings.

SERGEANT CLEVE KENNEDY '43 had quite a surprise a month or so ago when he talked to MAJOR HENRY BILLE, his division dental surgeon, and found he was a graduate of Muhlenberg with the Class of 1937. Both men were somewhere in France at the time. Kennedy says it will be a great day when he can come back to the Muhlenberg campus again and get on with that last year. CORPORAL CHARLIE KRAUSS '46 is now in Germany. Before he left France he found a drink he claims is stronger than cognac. It's called calvados and it is alleged to be very good as lighter fluid. He says that in spite of the restraint on the part of the Germans whose homeland is now being invaded, he believes that many of them are a great deal happier to see the Americans than they let their neighbors notice.

CORPORAL ARTHUR DeMARTINI '45 is getting to see England, but he still insists there is no place like the U.S.A. SERGEANT HERMAN P. SNYDER '34, who has moved from Italy into Southern France, is well and safe but still has to meet the first Muhlenberg man in uniform. The censor won't permit PRIVATE GORDON TREISBACH '37 to say much more than that he is aboard a ship. He expects that sometime in the future he'll look back longingly on the leisure he now is enjoying.

The gook language of the Pacific is sticking to YEOMAN SECOND CLASS WALTER E. MENZEL '44 now serving on an island in the Pacific. After he had been at his new base for just one week, he was surprised to see BILL STULTS '43 walk into his tent. Menzel is the editor of a paper published for men on the base and says his experience on the WEEKLY is coming in handy. He tells us that BILL OTTO'S landing craft was sunk in the English Channel on D Day but that all on board reached shore safely.

PRIVATE WILLIAM GRIFFIN '37 has just about completed his first year in the Army. At present he is serving in India. His V-mail letter was badly mutilated (not by the censor) so we can tell you very little more about him. FIRST LIEUTENANT FRED S. BRAUSE '45 has completed 31 missions in the European theatre and has received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He has also been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN W. GROSS '44, pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been assigned to the 95th Bombardment group and is now taking an orientation course on flying procedure in the European Theatre of Operations. LIEUTENANT JAMES E. MAJOR '44 has been out in the Pacific long enough, so he reports, to have a look at the Nips and to find out that they're pretty good. The only Muhlenberg man he ran into was LIEUTENANT KERMIT SHELLY '42 who did a good job on the last operation of the Marine First Division.

When TECHNICAL SERGEANT MARNE CLARK '40 went into France on D Day he was taking part in his third invasion. Up to this point he has helped fight through France, Belgium and Luxembourg and is now in Germany. His previous invasions were Africa, then Sicily. FLIGHT OFFICER RALPH D. HAAF '46, co-pilot of a Flying Fortress, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in heavy bombing assaults on Nazi targets. We had a letter from PFC. ANGELO ALBANO '46 who is still serving in Africa and looking forward to mail from Muhlenberg. SERGEANT RICHARD Z. KINARD '42, whose last letter came from somewhere at seas, reported that although he was not on a luxury cruise there was nothing in particular to complain about. He has a New York APO address.

It's SERGEANT HAROLD HELFRICH '44 now and he is still over in India. By this time he has had his tour of a rest camp and is probably back on active duty. The advent of millions of tiny insects, he says, is proof that the monsoons are over. He suggests that we should add a collection of G.I. photos to our collection of currency. Well we have a start on that too, although we still haven't found a place to display the pictures. Just before he left for Camp Lejeune, CAPTAIN MICHAEL SCELSI of our Marine staff, added a Jap Marine battle scarf to our collection of war souvenirs. We're still looking for Jim Hemstreet's promised German helmet.

ENSIGN PAUL ARNER '43, at sea in the Pacific, served aboard ship with LIEUTENANT (j.g.) WILMER CRESSMAN '42 for three months and later met LIEUTENANT ROBERT ALBEE '42 and ENSIGN EARL SWANK '43. Arner was in on the invasions of the Marshalls, Guam, and Pelilieu. Another shipboard meeting took place last June on one of the big battlewagons when ENSIGN FREDERICK RAKER '42 stumbled into ENSIGN HAROLD STEWART '44. GUS MINIFRI '42 is on a hospital ship going back and forth between France and England. His ship was the first to make the beachhead in the invasion of France and the first to return wounded to English hospitals.

While in France, SERGEANT WILLIAM N. RICHARDS '44 made a trip to the battlefields of the last war and was surprised that they remained just about the way the Doughboys of another generation left them. He has still to meet a Muhlenberg man in France. CAPTAIN FRED DRY '37 had quite a swell time helping to close the Brest campaign. He and three of his sergeants captured more than 100 Germans without firing a shot. A German Luger pistol is among his souvenirs. We bow low to LIEUTENANT (j.g.) BILL VAN NESS '42 and ENSIGN LEE EVERETT '41, both of whom we put aboard LCT's in one of our recent letters. They say they hold no malice toward the men on LCT's but they are on LST's.

CHAPLAIN CLARENCE SCHAERTEL '21 is finding real opportunities for Christian service in an evacuation hospital close to the front lines in France and he pays a glowing tribute to the outstanding work of the Army's medical forces. ENSIGN BLAIR KRIMMEL '43 finally caught up with that ship we told you he was chasing and has been pitching for quite a while in the Pacific. When he comes back he says he'll have a few good stories--the kind the censor is now withholding. STAFF SERGEANT HARRY BECKER '43 is now permitted to tell us (and you) that he is now some-

where along the Ledo Road in Assam. LIEUTENANT PERRY SCOTT '41, with the Army Air Forces in the European Theatre, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Silver Star. We're waiting for more detailed information.

T/3 ED MINKA '30 is on the Island of Oahu where he has seen two hula hula shows put on from an educational point of view. He says the trick is to watch the hands, the idea being that the movement of the hands depict a story. The sinuous and undulating movements of the several parts of the body have no purpose except to keep time with the music. CORPORAL ERNIE KRAUSE '43 is one of the boys who has seen the Hollywood stars entertain over in India and was one of those who was "disappointed" when Ann Sheridan didn't show up.

Best military wedding we heard of in quite a while must have been Johnny Metzger's '42. While the ensign was completing the last phase of his training out in California, he called Betty Johnson in Staten Island (collect) and suggested she buy herself a ring and come West to be married. She did, and the knot was tied (unconditionally) on August 19.

Bad news arrived the other day when Dr. and Mrs. Harry Reichard were informed that their son, TECHNICAL SERGEANT RICHARD W. REICHARD, has been missing in action over Italy since October 16. Sergeant Reichard was a radio gunner on a Liberator and had at least 29 missions to his credit before he went out on the flight from which he has not as yet returned.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN KERN '42, navigator gunner of a Flying Fortress, was reported missing over Germany since September 28. Word has just been received, however, that he is a prisoner of the Germans.

Incidentally, we now have 1430 Muhlenberg men on our service list and as soon as we can process the group that left the campus at commencement on Sunday (men in the V-12 unit who requested membership in the Alumni Associationed are placed on the rolls after they complete their training on the campus) that number will go beyond 1500.

I'm sorry that we haven't the space this time to brief the letters that have come from a few score men serving in this country. We're saving them for the next time. Meanwhile, keep them coming.

Here are some of the promotions in which you may be interested: LIEUTENANT (j.g.) FREEMAN J. CLAUSS '39; MIDSHIPMAN MORGAN HANEY '45; SEAMAN FIRST CLASS JOHN J. REBAZA '45; SERGEANT THOMAS R. MEREDITH '42; SEAMAN SECOND CLASS RAYMOND H. BARNES '46; LIEUTENANT PAUL McGINLEY '38; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALEXANDER J. FIORE '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES D. ALLEN '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TERRENCE A BELL '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARTHUR L. MURTAGH '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES R. STORMS '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH P. CALLEGHAN '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EARLE G. SYMONS '44; TECHNICAL SERGEANT MARNE CLARK '40; FIRST LIEUTENANT MAURICE HORN '44; CORPORAL CHARLES D. QUINN '46; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH R. KASPERSKI '44; YEOMAN SECOND CLASS WALTER E. MENZEL '44; CAPTAIN ALBERT P. HERZENBERG '36; CORPORAL IVAN E. HANDWERK '39; T/5 HERBERT GORIN '35; CORPORAL EDWARD B. SCHIFREEN '37; SECOND LIEUTENANT HAROID BENJAMIN '42; and LIEUTENANT (j.g.) JOHN BISSET '42.

Elsie tells me that we're to the bottom of the page and that there no space for the new names that we should tell you about. That's what I get for being long-winded. But somehow or other, from your letters I think you want to hear what your friends and classmates are doing and that's what I try to tell you about. If we miss the new names here, we'll give them to you every two months through the Alumni Magazine.

Just a word more to thank all of you fellows who have been writing in to tell us what you are doing. Those letters provide the information we need for these general letters. It never will be too much trouble to answer you so keep them coming--and thanks (this is personal) for the kind things so many of you have been saying.

Sincerely,

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